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cases at Columbia, opposite Minera, on American side. Nuevo Laredo reports 1 death. Fifteen cases under treatment and 3 suspicious. To-day's report for Laredo is discounted, but it is evident that there are cases resulting from mosquitoes infected prior to beginning our disinfection work. The epidemic is so widely disseminated that good results are doubtful, but I still have some hope. Doctor Lowry, railroad surgeon, reports 11 new cases in Nuevo Laredo, these not having been reported by the authorities.

GUITERAS.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell requests to be relieved on account of sickness in family.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., October 5, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Just received notice illness in my family demands my presence. Request to be relieved. Please wire permission to leave immediately. Doctor Berry will supply Bureau with information, if desired. Reliable.

JOHN A. PURNELL.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell ordered to Vicksburg.

OCTOBER 5, 1903.

Acting Assistant Surgeon PURNELL, San Antonio, Tex.:

Return to Vicksburg. Report by wire.

WYMAN.

Sulphur for use at Laredo.

OCTOBER 6, 1903.

GUITERAS, Laredo, Tex.:

Ten barrels sulphur shipped you from New Orleans. Three barrels by express, 7 barrels fast freight.

WYMAN.

Total cases of yellow fever at Laredo to date.

LAREDO, TEX., October 6, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

New cases reported to-day, 19; deaths, none; cases previously reported, 83; total to date, 102; total deaths, 5. Twenty houses disinfected, with 93 rooms. From Minera one death reported and no new cases.

GUITERAS.

Report of yellow fever at Corpus Christi.

LAREDO, TEX., October 6, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Persistent rumors yellow fever Corpus Christi. Suspicious detained to-day. Arrangements being made for Tabor and Murray to go to-night to investigate again.

GUITERAS.